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military action in the event the Syrians do not rein in the PLO.// 25X1 --continued Top Secret 1 Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2011/03/16: CIA-RDP84T00301R000400010190-3

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//The Israelis are likely to shift regular Army units from around Beirut to the eastern and central sectors over the next two weeks while demobilizing as many reserve units as possible. They probably will keep at least three brigades along the highway and three brigades in the Bekaa Valley as long as Syrian and Palestinian forces remain in Lebanon.//
The Israeli press has generally welcomed Jumayyil's election, but several papers predict future relations between Israel and Lebanon might not be smooth. One major daily foresaw problems between Tel Aviv and Jumayyil over the Palestinian issue, and another questioned his ability to govern.
Violence directed against deputies who attended the parliamentary session continued throughout Lebanon yesterday. Muslim deputies who attended were attacked by Muslim leftists, and the press reports some municipal offices in northern Lebanon were taken over. Traditional Muslim leaders, however, have denounced the violence and appear to be trying to reach an accommodation with Jumayyil.
Comment: Jumayyil's close ties to Israel and Lebanese Muslim objections to his election make it difficult for the Arabs to endorse his presidency publicly. Many privately believe, however, he may be able to bring stability to Lebanon.

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SOUTH AFRICA - ANGOLA: Military Operation Continuing	
//Contrary to Pretoria's recent statements that its forces were withdrawing from forward positions in southern Angola, knowledgeable South African officials have told that South African forces are still operating about 250 kilometers inside Angola.//	25X1
//The officials state reconnaissance units are searching for a suspected South-West Africa People's Organization supply base between Kassinga and Jamba. An attack force is waiting north of Cuvelai to hit the base when it is located. The officials claim South African forces will allow Angolan units at Cuvelai to withdraw north and will avoid contact with a Cuban armored unit at Jamba.//	25X1 25X1
Angola says that South African ground forces clashed with its units around Cuvelai as well as at Mulondo and Cahama. Luanda also claims that South Africa is occupying a base at Oncocua.	25 <u>X1</u>
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Comment: //The South African operation in Angola began in mid-July and has lasted longer than any similar operation since 1975. Although South African officials claim the operation was prompted by SWAPO documents captured in July, it evidently was planned well before that.//	25 <u>X1</u>
//The South African force probably is now larger than the 1,000-man force detected in Angola last month. If Angolan charges about ground attacks at Cahama and Mulondo are accuratetheir statements about South African attacks have frequently been truethe force may number several thousand.	25X1
Pretoria could easily continue the operation for several more weeks. South Africa apparently is attempting to drive SWAPO farther north and may intend to keep them there by expanding its zone of control in southern Angola.//	25X1 25X1
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POLAND: Regime Bracing for Demonstrations
The US Embassy reports a significant increase in the size and number of security patrols in Warsaw. In addition, the regime's public statements are focusing heavily on the need to maintain public order. Premier Jaruzelski yesterday told party officials from large factories that "the opposition's next attack must and will be broken."
Comment: The government may be painting itself into a corner with these threats. To maintain its credibility, it will feel compelled to use force against protests next week marking the anniversary of Solidarity.

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